I*maee Cwaed by Cyclone in Andlua Pradesh sod Madras

465. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Wil' the Minister of AGRICULTURE te pleased to stale-;

(a) the estimated loss of life and property caused by the recent cyclone ia coastal Andhra Pradesh afid Madras; and

(b) The steps taken by the State Government tc rehabilitate the people effected by the cyclone and the assistance sought by thers from the Central Gov ernment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to reports received from the S&te Governments, heavy rain$_s$ and floods due to recent cyclonic disturbances claimed 154 human lives and damaged 52,700 houses and 3.74 lakh hectares of cropped area m Andhra Pradesh. In Tamil Nadu, it claimed 69 lives and damaged 46,180 houses and 2,000 hectares of cropped area.

(b) the steps taken by the State Governments to rehabilitate th$_e$ afFectc! people include assistance for repairs/ reconstruction of damaged houses, agriculture inputs, tubsidy to affected farmers ^d assistance for replacing lost animals. Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted a Memorandum seeking a Central assistance of Rs. 221.00 crores tlie relief and ichabilitatton measures.

Flood Hit Districts in Maharashtra

466. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the dis-tricts which have been hit by the recent floods in Maharashtra;

(b) what fc the total amount ofloss suffered in these districts: by way ol houses, crops,, cattle heads and loss or human l

(c) the amount of Central assistance sought by the State Government for this purpose and the amount sanctioned by the Central Government against that demand;

(d) the steps Government have taken to rehabilitate the affected people in that area; and V \

(e) The programmes implemented to huge lo$ses due to such calamities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURt (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (.b) A statement is enclosed (See below).

(c) Government of Maharashtra had submitted two Memoranda seeking Central assistance of Rs. 715.00 crores for relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by floods during Souith-West monsoon 1994. Under the existing scheme, the State Governmeat undertakes relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities using the corpus, of the Calamity Relief Fund. The Central share of the Calamity Relief Fund for the year 1994-95 amounting to Rs. 33 crores was released to Government of Maharashtra in advance during 1993-94.

(d) The measures taken by Govern ment of Maharashtra to rehabilitate the affected people include;

(i) Assistance to tlie next of kin of deceased at the rate of Rs. 50,000/;

(ii) Gratuitous Relief in the form 9f ration for one month *to* each destitute family m addition to the assistance for purchase of utensils and clothing:

(iii) Assistance to farmers for purchasing seeds and fertilisers and for replacing lost animals; and

(iv) Assistance for repair and re. construction of damaged houses at pres-cribed rates.

(e) The programmes implemented to modify floods include structural measures